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SUBJECT: IDENTIFICATION OF ALLIED SERVICEMEN

REF: A BERLIN 421 B STATE 47973

1. MISSION PROTOCOL OFFICER CALLED ON SOVIET PROTOCOL OFFICER MARCH 12 TO RE-EMPHASIZE U.S. REJECTION OF SOVIET POSITION (REF A) THAT EAST GERMAN GUARDS AT FRIEDRICHSTRASSE CROSSING POINT COULD, IF THEY CHOSE, REQUIRE UNIFORMED ALLIED SERVICEMEN TO SHOW IDENTIFICATION CARDS WHEN PASSING TO AND FROM EAST BERLIN. MISSION PROTOCOL OFFICER NOTED THAT ANY ATTEMPT TO IMPOSE SUCH REQUIREMENT WOULD CONSTITUTE SERIOUS DEPARTURE FROM ESTABLISHED PROCEDURES ON TWO COUNTS: UNIFORM IN ITSELF WAS SUFFICIENT IDENTIFICATION FOR ALLIED SERVICEMENT THROUGHOUT BERLIN AREA, AND EAST GERMANS
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COULD NOT CONTROL OR OTHERWISE EXERCISE AUTHORITY OVER

ANY ALLIED PERSONNEL. MISSION PROTOCOL OFFICER SAID THAT U.S. AUTHORITIES FULLY EXPECTED SOVIET AUTHORITIES TO CONTINUE BOTH TO OBSERVE ESTABLISHED PROCEDURES GOVERNING MOVEMENT OF ALLIED PERSONNEL THROUGHOUT BERLIN, AND TO ENSURE THAT EAST GERMANS RESPECTED THESE PROCEDURES ALSO. HE ADDED THAT BRITISH AND FRENCH MISSIONS HAD REQUESTED THAT THEY BE ASSOCIATED WITH THIS STATEMENT.

2. ROMANOVSKIY SAID, WITH SOME EMBARRASSMENT, THAT HE HAD INTENDED TO EXPRESS ONLY "PERSONAL OPINION" DURING MARCH 6 CONVERSATION, HE ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT ON THIS SUBJECT OFFICIAL VIEWS OF SOVIET EMBASSY COINCIDED WITH HIS OWN. HE THEN ACCEPTED PROFFERED COPY OF MISSION PROTOCOL OFFICER'S ORAL STATEMENT WITHOUT MAKING CUSTOMARY DISCLAIMER ABOUT TAKING IT "FOR INFORMATION ONLY." KLEIN

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